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BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE  
July 15, 2010

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Sub-Committee for July 15, 2010, was called to order at 7:00 a.m. in the Training Room of the Simsbury Police Department. The following members of the sub-committee were present: John Hampton (Chairman), Peter Ingvertsen, Geoff Giddings, Kevin Kowalski, Mike Delehanty, Mickey Lecours-Beck, Lucy Bowman, Tom Roy and Burke LeClair. Other interested parties were also present.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### PUBLIC AUDIENCE

There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Review, discuss and possibly approve minutes from Regular Meeting on May 20, 2010

Ms. Lecours-Beck made a motion to approve the May 20, 2010 minutes as written. Ms. Bowman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

#### UPDATES AND REPORTS

##### Ambulance

Mr. Delehanty stated his concerns regarding traffic issues during the Talcott Mountain Music Festival concerts. He questioned if an EMS was required at the venue during these events. Chairman Hampton stated that he would look into this issue. Mr. Delehanty stated that there may be a requirement depending upon the attendance at these events. The higher the attendance, the more complicated the traffic problems and access become.

He stated that if the decision is made that it would be appropriate to have an ambulance at the venue, it cannot be Simsbury Ambulance; a commercial ambulance would be appropriate if required.

Chief Ingvertsen stated that the Talcott Mountain Music Festival provides their own certified medical services, which are EMT equivalent. He stated that there is also a cruiser stationed at the venue equipped with AED.

The Committee members discussed a traffic management plan. Chief Ingvertsen stated that the residents of Simsbury need to continue to get ambulance service in the fast efficient manner that they are used to.

Mr. Delehanty made a motion that any public gathering that is expected to have over 5,000 people in attendance, the permit process shall require a commercial ALS ambulance to be on site. Chief Ingvertsen seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

#### Civil Preparedness

Mr. Kowalski stated that he attended a workshop regarding EMD, for the grant process. He stated that it will stay at \$3 per capita, although there is now different paperwork to file. Also, he stated that there was an inspection of the disaster resource assessment centers in Town. He stated that Simsbury is one of the regional areas, which include the high school, Eno Memorial Hall and the Simsbury Public Library. These three sites could be used as resource centers. Mr. Kowalski stated that the inspections were satisfactory.

#### Fire

Regarding the new main fire station, Mr. Kowalski stated that the fire truck will be moved back in on July 26th. The dispatch center will open on the same day. He stated that the Police Department will be helping during this transition. He is hopeful that they can have their grand opening in September. Mr. Kowalski stated that the fire station is ahead of schedule and under budget.

#### Farmington Valley Health District

There was no report.

#### Police

Chief Ingvertsen stated that a Numbers Up notice went out to all residents with the tax bill requesting that residents put numbers on their houses.

There is information on this program on the Town's website and also on the Fire and Police Department websites.

Chief Ingvertsen stated that on July 7th, he attended a Tariffville Village meeting that dealt with the subject of traffic problems in Tariffville. The DOT was requested to look at this section of Town to make it safer because this is a direct route in and out of Simsbury. Suggestions from the State were made including; making Alan Street one way or a Town road or even possibly a "no thru trucks" street; and having cobblestone crosswalks, among other suggestions.

Chief Ingvertsen stated that the State has limited things that they can do to Route 315. Residents want Route 315 to be turned over to the Town, although this is not likely because of financial concerns. He stated that the Town also discussed placing electrified stationary signs, which flash and tells what a car's speed is. This could also be adjusted so that the sign could be changed during school sessions. Another idea is to put raised crosswalks on Winthrop Street. Although this is feasible, it may cause difficulty for emergency vehicles. Another option is stamping crosswalks instead of using speed humps. Mr. Giddings stated that traffic flow is the issue, not speed. Chief Ingvertsen stated that these options may deter traffic in this area.

Chief Ingvertsen stated that several residents stated that there is a big population of students walking to school in this area of Town. Mr. LeClair stated that they have less than 50 walking students; it is not as high as estimated at the meeting. Of those walkers, 2/3 are on the south side of Route 315.

#### Social Services

Regarding the No Phone Zone Campaign, Ms. Lecours-Beck stated that since the program started on July 1st, they have approximately 100 people already participating.

Ms. Lecours-Beck stated that they have opened two cooling centers in Town, one at the Simsbury Public Library and one at the Senior Center. She stated that they have had 5 elderly people hospitalized for dehydrations. They have now set up a cooler at Eno Memorial Hall and have also purchased bottled water to hand out.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Review of the Town Wide Exercise After Action Report

Mr. Kowalski stated that this report replicates what occurred during the

exercise and represents improvements that can be put in place. Some improvements are already being put into place. He stated that notification of key personnel was an issue in the EOC, including issues regarding who got called in what order and if enough people received the call. He stated that they need to function efficiently with less people. Mr. Kowalski stated that this does not preclude each agency having their own lists of resource people.

Mr. Kowalski stated that the primary emergency operation personnel is as follows: the First Selectman; Public Safety Chairman; Emergency Management Director; Police Department; Ambulance; Public Works; Social Services; Board of Education; PIO; Town Clerk; Finance Director. He suggested adding an IT Specialist, who will be coming up with a response group. Chief Ingvertsen stated that support staff would also be needed, including someone to look at badges to check at the door and also a clerk who would take notes.

Mr. Kowalski stated that people need to make sure that the telephone numbers that are listed have been updated. Mr. Roy suggested supplying an alternate telephone number for each name. There was also a discussion regarding quarterly testing.

Mr. Kowalski stated that the communication section, procedures, also needs to be reviewed. There will be substantial changes. He asked that changes be submitted within the next thirty days.

Mr. Kowalski stated that Regional IMT was a tremendous asset at the end of the scenario. He stated that hazmat awareness re-training will also be done.

Overall, Mr. Kowalski stated that the exercise was an extremely valuable training exercise. Changes will be made to the report and sent for formal adoption through the First Selectman's Office and will then go on to the State.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lecours-Beck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m. Ms. Bowman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.